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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Welding unit equipped with a communications interface and method for
operating the welding unit

the specification of which (check only one item below):

is attached hereto.

was filed as United States application

Serial No. _____

on _____

and was amended

on _____ (if applicable).

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Number PCT/AT 00/00221

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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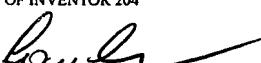
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